

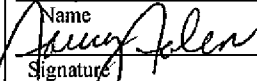
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In re application of:  
Timothy Kirk GALLAHER et al.  
Serial No: 10/541,086  
Confirmation No.: 5128  
Filed: March 11, 2007  
For: SECRETED PROTEIN  
FACTOR AND CELL MEMBRANE-  
BOUND SPLICE VARIANT

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 24, 2008**, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments** to the Specification begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an  
attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.